A.—(*a*) Twenty-two. Some of the bulletins contain more than one paper each dealing with different subjects.

(*b*) Two; one forming report No. 2 of Bulletin No. 17 and the other report No. 2 of Bulletin No. 22.

The amounts spent on the Fisheries Committee.

* 1398 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Fisheries Committee has cost so far; and

(*b*) what the approximate cost in future is estimated to be?

A.—(*a*) Rs. 1,769.

(*b*) This will depend on the programme of the Committee for visiting fishing centres on the East Coast in pursuance of the wishes expressed in certain quarters. It is expected that the programme will shortly be drawn up.

Industries

Opening of a model industrial school in the Northern Circars.

* 1399 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*f*) of question No. 689 answered on 26th November 1928 regarding the opening of a model industrial school in the Northern Circars:—

(*a*) whether the report called for from the Director of Industries has been received;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any orders thereon; and

(*c*) if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A copy of the orders [a] passed is placed on the table of the House.

Cement manufacture in the Presidency.

* 1400 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of cement manufacture in this Presidency has been considered by the Department of Industries; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of cement manufacture was taken up by the Industries department so far back as 1918–19 when the possibilities of the industry were examined, samples of limestone and clay obtained from the vicinity of Bezwada were analysed and the results of the investigation brought to the notice of various firms and syndicates who appeared likely to be interested. Largely as a result of those endeavours, a company known as the Bezwada Portland Cement Company, Limited, was formed, but the project did not materialize, owing to the depression in trade which precluded the raising of the necessary capital. A concern under the name of the

[a] Printed as Appendix XVIII on pages 665–666 infra.

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Kistna Cement Company was also floated about that time, but it also was unable to raise the necessary capital and was in due course wound up. The subject has again been taken up recently and attempts are being made to interest capitalist firms in the question of establishing a cement factory in this Presidency.

[For further starred questions see pages 600—603 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Public Service

Exemption of Mr. A. Gundu Rao from the operation of rule 1 of the Public Service Notification.

1401 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one A. Gundu Rao, officiating attender, office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tiruvannamalai range, is a passed candidate according to the rules as they stood prior to the issue of G.O. No. 965, Public, dated 16th November 1926, and whether he had to his credit seven years' continuous service under Government as a clerk;

(*b*) whether the said Gundu Rao has drawn increments in the time-scale of attenders as per Fundamental Rules 26 (*a*) and 26 (*c*);

(*c*) whether Gundu Rao was recommended by the District Educational Officer, North Arcot, as a special case for exemption from the operation of rule 1 of the Public Service Notification;

(*d*) what are the conditions that were laid down in 2 (*a*) of the G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927, which Gundu Rao did not satisfy; and

(*e*) the reason why he was not exempted?

A.—(*a*) The answer to the first part of the clause is in the affirmative; but the clerk had not to his credit on 16th November 1926 seven years' continuous service as a clerk.

(*b*) He drew one increment in the time-scale of attenders.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) & (*e*) Gundu Rao did not satisfy either of the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Motor Vehicles Act

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles Rules.

*1402 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to my question No. 199, answered on 6th September 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have published the amended motor vehicles rules as contemplated;

(*b*) if not, whether they propose to place them before the Council for discussion and approval; and

(*c*) what steps Government have taken to keep themselves informed regularly of motor-car accidents, especially those resulting in deaths?